

## JOHNSON

Elmer Patten has bought an automobile.

Karl Kneeland is home from Chazy, N. Y., for a few days' vacation.

Dr. and Mrs. H. N. Folsom were in St. Johnsbury the first of the week.

Mrs. Robert Putnam of Hyde Park was a visitor in town Saturday.

Children's Day will be observed at the Methodist church next Sunday morning.

Erle Holmes was home Saturday from the U. V. M. Homer Kneeland returned to Burlington with him.

Geo. Ketchum from Pennsylvania, who formerly owned and resided on the B. S. Fullington farm, is in town on business.

Herman Holbrook of Hyde Park was in town Saturday night to see his father, Chas. Holbrook, who fell from a tree while hiving bees.

Last Sunday evening at the Cong'l church a large audience listened to a splendid sermon by Rev. E. G. French of Hardwick before the graduating class of the High school.

W. A. Landon and family of South Hero are guests at O. A. McFarland's.

The attendance of the Cong'l Sunday school June 6 was 93, collection \$1.05. Class No. 4 is to be given the ride this month for the largest per cent of attendance.

Charles Blake and three children of Haverhill, Mass., are guests at Edward Magoon's. They will return to Haverhill this week, accompanied by Mrs. Blake, who has been spending a few weeks here.

Mrs. Don Fullington and Miss Bernice Niles of Chazy, N. Y., came Saturday to attend the closing exercises of the high school and are guests at the home of Mrs. Fullington's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gonyea.

Morton Brewster of Huntington, who has bought the Murray farm is expected with his family this week. He has already taken possession and Mr. Murray and family are at East Johnson for the present.

Mrs. R. G. Prentiss went to Auburn, Mass., last Thursday to visit her daughter, Katherine, who is a student at

Lesells Seminary. They will return home this week. Miss Gertrude Baker, who is also a student at the Seminary, will return with them.

## Normal School Notes

Arrangements are now nearly completed for the re-union of the graduates and pupils of Prof. Pearl, the first Principal of the Normal School, which is to be held June 16 in connection with the annual Commencement of the school. The Alumni banquet will be held in the vestry of the Cong'l church at noon. The remaining exercises will take place in Normal hall and are as follows:—

At 2:30 p. m., a portrait of Prof. Pearl will be presented to the school in behalf of the graduates and pupils by Charles P. Jones of Johnson. Following this, an address on Prof. Pearl and the early days of the school will be given by Dr. J. M. French of Milford, Mass. The exercises will conclude with a social re-union. All persons who have ever attended the school, and all friends of the school, are cordially invited to attend.

## J. H. S. vs. B. F. A.

J. H. S. defeated B. F. A. on the home field Saturday, June 5, by a score of 8 to 7. The scores were close during the entire game, being 7 to 7 when J. H. S. came to bat for the last time. Bailey pounded out a two-bagger, Waterman singled and Bailey came home on a wild throw, thus winning the game. The next and last game of the season comes on Saturday, June 12, with B. A. They defeated J. H. S. June 2, by a score of 9 to 8. What will we do with them Saturday on our home field? Come and see.

## Pike Shooting in Scotland.

The killing of a fish by a sword by a lieutenant of the Royal Engineers receives much publicity. It may not have been hard to do, for pike often move sluggishly, and on fine warm days they have a habit of basking on the surface. In Scotland people shoot pike regularly, the corpses being brought ashore by retriever dogs. But in Scotland they shoot several things that in England we kill in other ways. Foxes, for example.—London Chronicle.

Couldn't Expect Him To. Lady—I'm afraid you don't like work, my good man. Tramp—How kin I, mum? Work's wot killed my pore wife.

## A Historic Weapon.

Mons, which henceforth is enshrined in British hearts, has long been a household word for Scotsmen. Every boy insists on an excursion to Edinburgh castle to see Mons Meg. For Meg was made in Flanders, and did much havoc at the siege of Scottish castles as well as in wars of adventure into England. Partly of wood and partly of iron, the great gun was put together late in the fifteenth century. Cromwell captured it and listed it as "the great iron murderer, Meg." While firing a salute for the duke of York, in 1682, Meg burst. A century later it was banished from Edinburgh to the Tower of London as a useless gun; but Sir Walter Scott saw romance and patriotism in Mons Meg, and persuaded the war office to send it back to the castle.—London Chronicle.



## Method.

There is no one able or anxious to deny the value of a method. But there are many who realize that method is not everything, and that strict adherence to it sometimes becomes a nuisance. There is a madness in hard and fast rules. The strict adherence to some method is almost as bad as having no method at all. We should remember that our actions have, at all times, to be guided by circumstances.

# Vermont Local Option League

To the Residents of Vermont:—

In 1903 the electors of Vermont by a MAJORITY vote, ADOPTED the PRESENT LOCAL-OPTION LAW as a RELIEF from a prohibitory law, that FOR YEARS had been a COVER for DECEIT, HYPOCRISY and ILLEGAL PRACTICES. The PROPONENTS of the local option law at that time (1903) URGED its ADOPTION as a CORRECTIVE and TEMPERANCE MEASURE. It was argued that the PRINCIPLE of LOCAL OPTION and CONTROL would act as an ANNUAL REMINDER to the LAW ENFORCEMENT BODIES, that the SENTIMENT of the cities and towns was either FOR or AGAINST the SALE of liquor, EITHER LEGALLY or ILLEGALLY, and thereby LEFT NO ALTERNATIVE to the STRICT ENFORCEMENT of the law. Many other arguments were advanced at that time IN SUPPORT of the local-option PRINCIPLE as a TEMPERANCE MEASURE, and IN THE BELIEF its ADOPTION would BRING RELIEF from INTOLERABLE CONDITIONS, the OFFSPRING of PROHIBITORY CONTROL, the local option principle WAS SUPPORTED by PROMINENT CLERGYMEN, PROFESSIONAL and BUSINESS MEN, and MADE A PAIR of the Vermont Laws. Its APPLICATION during the past eleven years has PROVED CONCLUSIVELY the Vermont LOCAL OPTION LAW has been the MOST EFFECTIVE TEMPERANCE LEGISLATIVE act passed by the Vermont legislature in THE LAST CENTURY.

## LET US REVIEW THE FACTS

Until 1903 the ILLEGAL SALE of liquor was a COMMON PRACTICE in NEARLY EVERY CITY and TOWN in Vermont. Small towns DESIRING the ENFORCEMENT of PROHIBITORY LAW WERE HELPLESS because of the DOMINANCE of ILLEGAL DEALERS over the LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICIALS. PUBLIC OPINION was DORMANT and NON-ASSERTIVE. The prohibitory law HAD BRED HYPOCRISY, DECEIT, PERJURY and BLACKMAIL.

In 1903, the LOCAL OPTION LAW was ADOPTED and 94 cities and towns voted to LEGALIZE a TRAFFIC which had BEEN ILLEGALLY DEVELOPED in these cities and towns under SO-CALLED PROHIBITION. The vote of 1903 in favor of local option SIGNIFIED no other disposition on the part of the electorate than to LEGALLY CONTROL a BUSINESS which had been BUILT UP under PROHIBITORY LAW. At each annual election since 1903, when 94 towns voted "Yes," the TREND has been UNMISTAKABLY TOWARD temperance through local option by majority vote until at the town meetings of 1915 only 19 cities and towns voted for legal sale, in only 16 of which licenses were issued. Should the same ratio hold for the next 10 years, every town in Vermont would be no-license by virtue of public sentiment, as expressed in the annual local option vote. It is NOW PROPOSED to NULLIFY the TEMPERANCE WORK of the past DECADE by SUBSTITUTING state-wide prohibition for the PRESENT EFFECTIVE LAW, and thus disfranchising the towns of the state as far as local control of the liquor traffic is concerned. Such a MARKED change in policy SHOULD NOT be SANCTIONED without the CAREFUL CONSIDERATION of the voters of Vermont.

FIRM in the BELIEF that the Vermont LOCAL OPTION LAW has been a BULWARK for TEMPERANCE and has REDUCED the consumption of liquor to the SMALLEST PER CAPITA unit in the HISTORY of the state, scores of prominent TEMPERANCE men, representing EVERY SECTION of the state, recently met and ORGANIZED the Vermont Local Option League. Its officers are as follows:—

President, HON. JAMES M. TYLER, Brattleboro

Vice Presidents From Counties

Addison, Carlton W. Sprague, Bristol.  
Bennington, Frank E. Howe, Bennington.  
Caledonia, Alexander Dunnett, St. Johnsbury.  
Chittenden, O. S. Nichols, Essex Junction.  
Windham, Chas. R. Crosby, Brattleboro.  
Secretary and Treasurer, Raymond Trainor, White River Junction.

Orange, D. S. Conant, Bradford.

Essex, Harry B. Amey, Island Pond.

Franklin, John G. Norton, St. Albans.

Grand Isle, Victor I. Hurlburt, Grand Isle.

Lamoille, M. C. Lovejoy, Stowe.

Windsor, Frank W. Agan, Ludlow.

## OUR INVITATION

EVERY RESIDENT of Vermont, WHO BELIEVES the PRESENT local option law HAS OPERATED towards TEMPERANCE, SOBRIETY and a CLEANER CIVIC LIFE, IS INVITED to JOIN the VERMONT LOCAL OPTION LEAGUE. The law it is designed to PROTECT HAS RECEIVED the SUPPORT of a LARGE MAJORITY of the NEWSPAPERS of the state, and has RALLIED to ITS SUPPORT HUNDREDS of MEN PROMINENT in the PROFESSIONAL, BUSINESS and CIVIC LIFE of Vermont. The VERMONT LOCAL OPTION LEAGUE is NON-POLITICAL, NON-PARTISAN and invites to membership EVERY RESIDENT of the state WITHOUT REGARD to POLITICS, RELIGION or NATIONALITY. That a PUBLICITY CAMPAIGN may be conducted, the membership fee has been placed at One Dollar, the fees to be EXPENDED only in EDUCATIONAL WORK. Larger contributions will be accepted from ANY RESIDENT of Vermont NOT in ANY WAY INTERESTED in the sale of liquor, but WHO IS IN SYMPATHY with the PRINCIPLES of the VERMONT LOCAL OPTION LEAGUE.

## CUT OUT AND MAIL TODAY.

Raymond Trainor, Sec.,  
Vermont Local Option League,  
White River Junction, Vt.

Dear Sir:—

Believing the Vermont local option law has been instrumental in promoting temperance, sobriety and a cleaner civic life, and desiring that it remain a part of the law of the state, I herewith enclose One Dollar and request to be enrolled as a member of the Vermont Local Option League.

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## Vermont Local Option League,

RAYMOND TRAINOR, Secretary

JOIN THIS ORGANIZATION TODAY. DO YOUR PART IN DEFENDING THE HOME RULE PRINCIPLE. PREVENT VERMONT FROM BECOMING ANOTHER MAINE. UNITE TO PRESERVE THE SUCCESSFUL TEMPERANCE POLICY OF LOCAL OPTION. CUT OUT THE COUPON AND MAIL TODAY.